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"*Love, therefore, labor: if thou shouldst not want it for food, thou mayst for physic. It is wholesome to the body, and good for the mind: it prevents the fruits of idleness.*"—W. PENN.

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GREETINGS FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENCY.

[THE address of the First Presidency to the Latter-day saints, which according to their custom is given annually through the *Deseret News*, appeared in the beautifully illustrated Christmas number of that esteemed publication, and is here copied *in extenso*:]

AGAIN we desire to greet the Latter-day Saints through the columns of the Christmas *Deseret News*. We do so with grateful hearts for the mercies of the Lord and His protecting watchcare extended to the members of the Church.

The saints have much to be thankful for at the close of the year 1909. It has been marked with progress in the work of the Lord, and has been eventful in many ways in the advancement of the interests of the Church. In the discoveries and inventions of scientific men in various parts of the world, the Spirit of the Lord has also been made manifest in a marked degree in accordance with ancient prophecies concerning the purposes of the Almighty in these latter days.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to-day stands firmer, stronger and better equipped to cope with error and to scatter seeds of truth, than ever before, notwithstanding the opposition brought to bear against it and the falsehoods circulated by unprincipled men in their vain effort to destroy the work of the Lord. Friends have been raised up among the honorable men of the nation to defend the truth and there is to-day a better com-

prehension of the work called "Mormonism" than has been manifest throughout the world in years that are past.

Prejudice and ignorance are gradually giving way before the light of truth. We have had the privilege of correcting many errors that have in the past crept into encyclopedias and histories, and in line with this we are pleased to see the commencement of the publication of the history of the Church in the *Americana*, one of the leading historical journals published in the United States. This magazine circulates among an intelligent class of people. The publication of these articles grew out of an attack made by a designing person on the origin of the Book of Mormon that appeared in the same magazine. The privilege was granted Elder B. H. Roberts to make a reply, which was later followed by his being invited to write a short history of the Church to run through several numbers of the magazine. We feel to recommend this magazine to the Latter-day Saints, and trust they will support it with their subscriptions.

The world is gradually learning that the Church has been misunderstood and should have a respectful hearing. In fact this recognition has taken the form, among some of the Christian sects, of adopting certain principles of the gospel taught by the Church: The principle of revelation, the doctrine of the personality and individuality of the Godhead, the law of tithing, the Word of Wisdom, requiring temperance on the part of the members in the strictest sense, the abstaining from all harmful and unnecessary drugs and stimulants: the anointing of the sick with oil, and prayer in their behalf, and other principles revealed by the Lord to the Church. The dogmas of infant damnation and that there is no salvation beyond the grave have generally found disfavor and by many have been abandoned since the advent of the gospel into the world.

While there are exceptions, the saints in general have been faithful and diligent in the discharge of their obligations, in keeping the commandments required of them as members, and in listening to the counsel and instruction given them by the priesthood: and the officers of the Church, both general and local, have been actively engaged in performing the various duties devolving upon them.

The responsibilities resting upon the priesthood in caring for the flock is of the greatest importance and requires faithfulness and perseverance. These duties and responsibilities are increasing, due to the progress being made, and the peculiar conditions surrounding us. At the beginning of the year the various quorums of priesthood were each provided with a course of study embodying the doctrines of the Church and items of Church discipline and government. Monday night each week was set apart for the members of the quorums to gather in their several wards to receive instruction and inform their minds, that they might qualify them-

selves for their duties in the Church. The plan adopted has resulted in great good, and through this cause the priesthood meetings and the regular gatherings of the people have been better attended. We feel gratified with the results growing out of the activity engendered in these meetings.

The population in the stakes is steadily increasing. During the past year the Yellowstone stake has been organized. It has also become necessary to create new wards where the communities have grown so large that the officers are overburdened in their labors. This has necessitated the calling into active service a great number of brethren and sisters, thus increasing the interest in and vigor of the work and the efficiency of the ministry.

Considerable building has been done in the erection and repairing of houses of worship and other buildings, so that better facilities for worship could be afforded the members. These buildings have been substantially built with modern improvements and conveniences. One of the most substantial and imposing buildings erected is the building east of the Salt Lake Temple on North Main street, containing the offices of the Presiding Bishopric, some of the quorums of the priesthood, and the auxiliary organizations. The building is fireproof and contains strong, well protected vaults where records may be safely preserved. Another imposing structure in course of erection is the Deseret Gymnasium, just east of the Presiding Bishop's building, now so far advanced that it is enclosed. It is built for the physical development and training of the youth.

In the missions the work is spreading and the results are gratifying: many of the missionaries are traveling without purse or scrip and are provided for by the people, thus depending on the promises of the Lord. There has been a renewal of missionary work throughout the New England states, from which so many of the early and influential families of the Church were gathered. The work of the Lord is being prosecuted with vigor in all the missions. We regret, however, that in some portions of the world the elders are restricted in their freedom, but in this regard there is a gradual improvement.

During the year two of our Elders laid down their lives while laboring in the mission field. This is greatly regretted and the sympathy and blessings of the brethren are extended to the bereaved. Notwithstanding this, it is most remarkable, considering the great number of missionaries who are constantly laboring throughout the nations, that the deaths are so few, and this shows that the protecting hand of Providence is over them. The elders who were taken were Griffith E. Williams, who labored in the British mission, and who died September 24th, and John H. Cartwright of the Western States mission, who died October 22nd.

The Book of Mormon, translated by Elder Alma O. Taylor, has

been published in the Japanese language. This record which the angel said should go forth to all nations, tongues and peoples, has now been translated and published in fulfillment of that prediction in English, German, Danish, Swedish, Dutch, Spanish, French, Italian, Welsh, Hawaiian, Maori, Samoan, Tahitian, Turkish and Japanese. It has also been translated into Greek, Armenian, Hebrew, and Hindostanee. In many of these languages it has passed through numerous editions.

The work of the Bureau of Information on the Tabernacle grounds in Salt Lake City, is also of large proportions. Three hundred thousand tourists passed through the Tabernacle grounds during this year. For the benefit of these persons the Church provided free organ recitals which were given every day each week from April to the October conference. The impressions made upon the visitors have been for good. Prejudice has been removed from their minds and they have returned to their homes with clearer ideas respecting the Latter-day Saints and their mission in the world. The influence of this labor is felt in the mission field where the missionaries come in contact with the parties who have been so freely and pleasantly entertained while in our city.

The responsibility resting upon the parents in providing for the spiritual as well as the temporal welfare of their children is of the utmost importance. They should teach them the principles of the Gospel from their earliest childhood, impressing upon their minds the divinity of the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith. They should be encouraged to do right, be virtuous, honest, truthful, and faithful to every obligation and covenant. This can best be impressed upon their minds by example on the part of the parents. They should themselves be what they would have their children to be; they should do what they would have them do, and avoid the evils that would grieve their own spirits should their children commit them. They should admonish them in kindness; encourage them in well-doing; instruct them in the home to keep the Word of Wisdom, to pray and give thanks to God for all His blessings, in the law of tithing, and in all virtuous deportment, and grant to them every opportunity to receive the benefits and instruction afforded them by the several organizations of the Church.

There is a growing tendency throughout the land to disregard the observance of the Sabbath day. The command: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," is as much the law to-day as when it was given to Israel on Mount Sinai. Theaters and various public amusements are now held on the Sabbath day contrary to the revelations of the Lord, and they prove a potent factor in destroying the faith of those who participate in this practice. The parents of the youth of Zion should guard their children against this and all other evils, for they will be held responsible should their children go astray through their neglect.

For the purpose of assisting the saints in the necessary instruction and protection of their children from the evils of the world, that are so rapidly finding their way into the communities of the Latter-day Saints, Religion classes, Primary associations—the auxiliary organizations which are helps in the government of the Church, have been established. We desire the parents to have their children enrolled in these organizations and receive the benefit of the training therein given. We also call to their attention the advantages in having their children attend the Church schools. There are twenty-nine of these located in different sections of the territory occupied by the Latter-day Saints, in which the various branches of education are taught, including spiritual and moral training, so necessary to a complete education. These schools are efficient and should be liberally patronized.

Another matter of greatest importance to the Latter-day Saints, which was mentioned in our greeting of 1908, is the work in behalf of the dead. The year past has been one of marked progress in this direction, many of the saints have been diligently securing the records of their dead and have performed ordinances in their behalf. This is indeed gratifying and should be encouraged, for there is no greater work in all the gospel plan required of us.

The Genealogical Society of Utah, which was organized for the purpose of securing genealogical records for the use of those interested in temple work, has secured many valuable records from Europe and New England during the present year. We suggest that the Latter-day Saints join this society and give it their support that they may have better facilities for obtaining these important records of the dead. In January, 1910, the Society will commence the publication of a genealogical and historical magazine, which will be devoted to the publication of genealogical information, pedigrees and other items that will aid the people in securing their records and performing the work for their dead.

The past year has witnessed the calling to the other side of a number of the veterans who have done much for the cause of Zion at home and abroad. Among these stalwart and faithful elders from whom we have been called to part during the past year, the names of Lorin Farr, George Reynolds, John Nicholson, Charles R. Savage, Andrew W. Winberg, Amos Milton Musser, Samuel W. Richards and others stand out prominently. The services of these men were devoted to the welfare of humanity and were engaged in the ministry almost since the organization of the Church. They have been faithful and true through all vicissitudes, obstacles, persecutions and hardships, through which they were called to pass. They were pioneers whose lives were spent in constant toil and continued labor, building cities, making peaceful habitations, improving the land, cultivating the barren, unfruitful soil until it yielded, through the blessings of heaven, a bountiful harvest, and the benefit of their labors is now enjoyed by their children. We

honor the memory of such men, for they were benefactors of their country. Their lives were not lived in vain, neither will their reward fail. They have been faithful in mortality, and they will be exalted in eternity. The just shall sit on thrones and be counted among the noble and great who shall rule in Jehovah's kingdom.

In conclusion we admonish the Latter-day Saints to live their religion; to remember their covenants made at the waters of baptism; to honor the Lord and keep His commandments; not to be overcome by the follies of the world, but to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, live at peace with all men, magnify their callings, keep and improve their lands and avoid the restless spirit that would destroy their peace of mind and cause them to be dissatisfied in the localities where they dwell, honor the priesthood they hold, seek for wisdom and improve their spare moments in doing good and increasing their understanding that they may be fitted for every requirement of them.

We wish the saints a joyful Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year, together with the choicest blessings of the Lord.

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HIS OLD FATHER SATISFIED.

TWENTY years ago a discouraged young doctor in one of our large cities was visited once by his old father, who came up from a rural district to look after his boy.

"Well, son," he said, "how are you getting along?"

"I'm not getting along at all," was the disheartened answer. "I'm not doing a thing."

The old man's countenance fell, but he spoke of courage and patience and perseverance. Later in the day he went with his son to the "Free Dispensary," where the young doctor had an unsalaried position, and where he spent an hour or more every day.

The father sat by, a silent but intensely-interested spectator, while twenty-five poor unfortunates received help. The doctor forgot his visitor while he bent his skilled energies to this task: but hardly had the door closed on the last patient, when the old man burst forth: "I thought you told me that you were not doing anything! Why, if I had helped twenty-five people in a month as much as you have in one morning, I would thank God that my life counted for something."

"There isn't any money in it though," explained the son somewhat abashed.

"Money!" the old man shouted, still scornfully. Money! What is money in comparison with being of use to your fellow-men? Never mind about money; you go right along at this work every day. I'll go back to the farm, and gladly earn money to support you as long as I live—yes, and sleep sound every night with the thought that I have helped you to help your fellow-men."—*Chicago Advance.*

THE HIGHER VIEW.

"Where, where are the men for the on-coming years"
A graybeard's disconsolate cry:
For he lives in the past, and verily fears
That all greatness is dead, or will die.

"Gone, gone are the sires, and the sons are swift passing:
The giants are under the sod.
Where, where are the armies of Israel massing
The hope of the kingdom of God?

"Yea, where are the prophets, the songsters, the sages,
God's rulers, through whom he hath reigned
O'er humanity's realm since the dawn of the ages
Gave a new world, to glory ordained?

"They are not, they are not, and the fountains are sealed
Brass above and iron beneath.
Truth's fulness is past, and the portion revealed
Now sleeps as a sword in its sheath."

So the pessimist sang, and his doleful refrain
Smote my ear with a sorrowful sound.
Then straightway the spirit within me made plain
A clear view from a loftier ground:

'Tis not true, said my soul, that the mighty have ceased:
That all greatness is passing away:
Or more precious the knowledge at yesterday's feast
Than the banquet provided to-day.

In the wide human forest, by Providence planted,
Great trees are yet growing sublime.
When a worn beam shall break, when a new helve is wanted,
'Twill be found in its season and time.

What though, summoned hence by the Chieftain commanding
Hosts vanish, death-conquered in vain.
On time's stormy shore other legions are landing.
From triumphs on life's spirit plain.

The past is the parent—to-day, a descendant,
Whose heirs are the ages unborn;
Like springing from like, in a scale still ascendant.
Then how shall the future be shorn?

Deem not the all-wise and Almighty Creator
Of stars, suns, and systems untold,
A bankrupt to Fate, an apprentice to Nature!
He is God—the same God as of old.

Can the glory now pale—the intelligence perish,
That founded eternity's throne?
When failed the Good Shepherd his chosen to cherish?
Fear not—he will care for his own.

Xmas 1909. ORSON F. WHITNEY.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1909.

THE NEW YEAR'S WORK AND PROSPECTS.

The Year Nineteen Hundred and Ten opens with great promise for the spread of the cause to which true Latter-day Saints are devoting their lives, their energies and their interests. The kingdom of God now commenced on the earth is first and foremost with them, for in it are centered their hopes and aspirations for time and for eternity. The prospects in the New Year are bright and full of promise. It will be a better year than the last year. Through the efforts of the elders who are out in the world proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom which is to be preached to all nations as a witness that the coming of the Lord is at hand, many hundreds of thousands of inquiring minds have been directed towards the great and last dispensation. Numbers of them have had the courage of their convictions and have embraced the truth regardless of the violent opposition of sectaries, the jeers and reproaches of relatives and friends, and the threats of intolerant opponents.

But there are hosts of believers who have not yet cast aside the traditions of men and the forms and creeds that have bewildered and stupified the nations, and so they linger on the threshold and do not enter by the door and become members of the kingdom of God. These should be approached with kindness, their folly be pointed out, the advantages of membership in the Church of Christ be presented, and invitations to partake of the waters of life freely, be extended to them. There is ample work in this direction, and in warning the world of impending judgments, for all the saints as well as the missionaries. This is a duty incumbent upon them. They have done much in this direction during the year that has gone. They can do better in the year upon which we have entered. If they will be diligent and earnest and persevering in this direction, success will crown their endeavors and they will rejoice at the close of the present year, in the blessings that will come to them as their present reward and the glory that will await them in the eternal future.

We look for a great harvest of souls, in 1910. Already investigation is going on, applications are being made for baptism, a lively interest in the doctrines of the Church is manifested, and it

is clear from indications that are visible, that the Lord is moving upon the souls of the children of men. His Spirit is at work among them. His servants and handmaidens are required to work also. There has been a brief respite from the general labors of the missionaries during the holiday season. Opportunities have been given for visits to friends outside of the appointed fields. Now is the hour to begin anew, and with fresh energy to devote time, talent, faith, prayers and every reasonable endeavor, to spread the light of truth and bring people to the knowledge thereof. A good record was made in 1909, it should be greatly bettered in 1910. This improvement should not be put off for a day; now is the time to begin to make this year's greater record.

To accomplish the end in view, persistent effort must be put forth. It must be accomplished under proper direction. The authority vested in the presiding officers should be respected, and it should be used in kindness but with firmness. We hope it will not be necessary to repeat any more the regulations which require missionaries to obtain a permit from their conference president when they desire to leave their appointed districts for any purpose within the conference, and from the Mission President when they wish to leave the conference for any other place. Also that pleasure trips to the Continent are to be postponed until the time of the elder's mission has expired; and every missionary should consider his time engaged to the great Master for work during his entire term of service.

There is a vast field before us, great obstacles in the way, and a short period in which to accomplish that which lies ahead. We must enter into it with full purpose of heart. Get nearer to the Lord, seek for Divine direction individually and as an organized body. Without the co-operation of the powers on high we can make but little headway. But the Lord is with us, the angels who are appointed for this work are on our side, we will have the co-operation of the Priesthood behind the veil, and the Holy Ghost will increase upon us as the year rolls on. Prejudice will be broken down, error will be overcome, spiritual darkness will be dispersed, the light of the glorious gospel of the Son of God will shine forth with celestial effulgence, and this year will mark a grand advancement in the work of the latter days. Let each one do his or her part and obtain a full share in the reward.

There is victory ahead for each individual soul, in conquering evil, in perfecting mastery over self, in rising above the temptations and pollutions of mortality, and in laying hold upon the powers and gifts and glories of eternal life. Also to the whole Church and kingdom of the Holy One in its onward march of triumph over sin and Satan, and the permanent establishment of the government of God all over the earth. If the Latter-day Saints will walk in obedience to the counsels of the Lord as revealed in His Word and as made known through the living

oracles, this year will be the best of their lives hitherto and prove a precursor of endless happy years to come.

C. W. P.

THE SPLENDID CHRISTMAS "NEWS."

THE Christmas number of the *Deseret News*, for which we have been looking many days, has now reached us and filled us with admiration and pleasure. It is a magnificent production in every respect. The great variety of the topics touched upon, the excellence of the literary portions, the vastness of statistical information, the beauty and number of the engravings with which it is embellished, the mechanical work displayed in the clear printing, artistic arrangment and general appearance of its 104 pages, exclusive of the illuminated cover, the splendid presentation of the numerous subjects it contains, showing the growth and advancement of Utah and Idaho and the surrounding country, the skill and persevering assiduity exhibited in all the departments render the Christmas *News* of 1909 a holiday number unrivalled in Europe or America.

We congratulate our friends and former associates on the great Pioneer newspaper of the Rocky Mountains on their grand achievment. It is worthy of a place in the greatest libraries of the nations. There is nothing like it on this side of the Atlantic. It is striking evidence of the progress, development and intellectual status of the people of Utah, and should put to silence their uninformed and bigoted adversaries, and help to place the Latter-day Saints, for whom the *Deseret News* stands as an organ and representative, high in the estimation of fair-minded people everywhere, and show them in their true light as the heralds of light and the promulgators of temporal and spiritual salvation for all mankind.

Among the important and striking features of this number of the *Deseret News* is the Greeting from the First Presidency, which we have reproduced in this issue of the *Millennial Star*. It gives a brief glimpse of the progress of the Church during the year that has past and some instructions for the present, many of which are applicable to the Saints abroad as well as to those at home in Zion. We draw special attention to the annexed extracts therefrom:

"The responsibility resting upon the parents in providing for the spiritual as well as the temporal welfare of their children is of the utmost importance. They should teach them the principles of the gospel from their earliest childhood, impressing upon their minds the divinity of the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith. They should be encouraged to do right, be virtuous, honest, truthful, and faithful to every obligation and covenant. This can best be impressed upon their minds by example on the part of the parents. They should themselves be what they would have their children to be; they should do what they would have them do, and avoid the evils that would grieve their own spirits should

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"In conclusion, we wish to admonish the Latter-day Saints to live their religion; to remember their covenants made at the waters of baptism; to honor the Lord and keep His commandments; not to be overcome by the follies of the world, but to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, live at peace with all men, magnify their callings, and avoid the restless spirit that would destroy their peace of mind and cause them to be dissatisfied in the localities where they dwell, honor the priesthood they hold, seek for wisdom and improve their spare moments in doing good and increasing their understanding that they may be fitted for every requirement of them."

The Christmas *News* is a triumph in journalism. It creates astonishment in this country wherever it is seen. Our friends would do well to circulate it as far as possible. Every newspaper in Great Britain ought to have a copy of it. They would obtain pointers in their own profession, which would be of benefit, and they would gain particulars of affairs in the distant West and of the building up of the region beyond the Rocky Mountains, that would be as profitable as surprizing. We will receive orders for this splendid production and forward them to the *News* office if received without delay. The cost with postage will be one shilling and fourpence; the bound copies, sixpence extra.

C. W. P.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS ACCEPT THE BIBLE.

THE Latter-day Saints are often accused of displacing the Holy Bible with the Book of Mormon—of repudiating the Jewish scriptures. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The very charge indicates such a lamentable ignorance of the subject of our faith that those who make it discredit themselves. As a matter of fact the Latter-day Saints find abundance of comfort and consolation in the sacred pages of the Bible, more direct and encouraging than do other people anywhere. To cite every such instance would require the writing of a huge volume; indeed, it would necessitate a recitation of the entire Book, since it is accepted as containing the word of God, and no such word is ever rejected by the Saints. But, as a sort of index to what the Latter-day Saints find in the Bible to strengthen and build them up in their faith, we shall refer briefly to a few points of doctrine.

The Latter-day Saints have no written creed, as that term is technically understood, but in 1841, in response to a request of a Mr. Wentworth, editor of the *Chicago Democrat*, the Prophet Joseph Smith outlined in a very abbreviated form some of the main points of doctrine of the Church. This document has

become known as the "Articles of Faith," and has been accepted by the Church as a suitable statement as far as it goes. That it is necessarily incomplete is shown by the ninth article, which reads: "We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God." However, the outline is sufficient to furnish us with a few items showing their close relationship to doctrines set forth in the Bible. Article one reads:—

"We believe in God the Eternal Father, and in His Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost," teaching that these are separate personalities. A few references will show that the Bible supports this belief. Moses is very clear on this point in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: * * * So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him." (Gen. 1:26, 27.) And we are not left with this reference and testimony alone, but Moses in many places in the record we have of his writings, refers to God as a personality of distinct form. The Savior Himself, answering the query of Philip, said: "Have I been so long time with you, and yet thou hast not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." (John 14:9.)

Some people try to spiritualize this reference of the Lord to His Father to indicate that they are one in substance, but the testimony of the New Testament, as well as the Old Testament, is too direct and positive to permit of anything but a literal understanding of separate persons. In the same chapter the Savior proceeds to enlighten the disciples as to the distinction. He says: "Believest thou not that I am in the Father and the Father in me? and the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself; but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." How this union is possible He explains farther on in the same chapter. "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me and I in you." Therefore, those who had seen the Savior had seen the Father, because they were so much alike in appearance. They were also one in power and purpose and glory, even as He and the disciples should be one when He should come again, and all should be one in the Father; one in purpose, not in person. Paul adds his testimony to the separate personality of God and to His appearance where he says of Christ: "being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of His person." (Heb. 1:3.) If so-called modern Christians can find consolation in the Bible for their faith in God, of whom not the remotest definition or description can be found in the Holy Book, how much more assurance should "Mormons" be able to gather from its sacred pages?

The Latter-day Saints teach that Christ is an individual Being born into the world like other men, although begotten of God, and in appearance so much like other men that He must needs be pointed out by a close acquaintance, to those who came to take Him and crucify Him. (Matt. 26:48.) On the occasion when Jesus became lost from His parents during the feast of the passover in Jerusalem, and was found by them in the Temple disputing with the doctors, He gave an intimation of His mission when He answered their reproof, saying, "Wist ye not that I should be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2: 49.) But no one seemed to attach any great importance to the utterance, except His mother; she "kept the saying in her heart." During His ministry He was so much like others of His time in personal appearance that His neighbors marvelled. "And when he was come into his own country he taught them in their synagogues, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren James and Joses, and Simon and Judas, and his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence hath this man all these things? And they were offended in him." (Matt. 13: 54-57.)

That Christ after His resurrection had a body of "flesh and bones as tangible as man's" is amply testified to by St. Luke, an eye-witness of the circumstance of His resurrection from the dead. "And he said unto them, why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see: for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have." (Luke 24: 38, 39.) No need for the saints to turn from or repudiate the Bible when such positive support is found for their doctrines.

"The Holy Ghost is a personage of spirit," is a doctrine of the Latter-day Saints, and, like the other point mentioned in this article, finds ample corroboration in the Bible. When Christ was baptized the Father sent the Holy Ghost in the sign of a dove, a token of peace. (Matt. 3: 16.) When Jesus neared the end of His earthly ministry, He comforted His disciples in the hour of separation, with the promise that when He had gone from their presence He would send unto them a Comforter. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the *Spirit of truth*, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me." (John 15: 26.) Christ was upon the earth; should leave the earth and go to His Father; He should then send unto the disciples the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of truth, while He Himself should be absent from them, remaining in the presence of the Father.

This is all according to the conception which the Latter-day Saints have of the Godhead; that it is composed of three personages, just as the Scriptures testify, and that these three are

separate and distinct personalities, but One in purpose, power and glory, and earthly dominion. The sense in which the oneness so often spoken of by the Savior may be possible is clearly defined in the record of the Lord's prayer for His disciples. "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are." No person could err, except wilfully, in the understanding of this plain passage. Here were a number of human beings, each a separate person, but Christ would that they should be one; one in the same sense that He and the Father were one. It is not reasonable to suppose that He wished the disciples to be merged into one individual, one single identity! Yet that is a mental feat that many present-day theologians urge upon mankind when they insist that there is but one substance in the Godhead. Christ not only prayed that His disciples might be one, but He likewise prayed that all who believed their testimonies might be one with them. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us." (John 17: 20, 21.) The oneness, therefore, that was so urged by the Savior as the oneness which existed between Himself and the Father, was evidently oneness in love, faithfulness, purpose and worship, and not a oneness of substance and personality. There is no good reason for the Latter-day Saints to ignore the Bible when it contributes so admirably to the support of their doctrines. We have illustrated the great value of the Bible to the Latter-day Saints, in the case of the first Article of Faith, only, but the other twelve articles find ample support in The Book. It is included as one of the standard works of the Church. (Article 8.)—S. N. L.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Releases and Departures.—The following named missionaries from the British mission were honorably released and sailed for home January 1st, 1910, per s.s. *Arabic*: Leslie R. Clegg, D. J. Sutton, J. W. Bambrough, George L. Wintle.

Arrivals.—The following named missionaries for the European mission arrived per s.s. *Southwark*, January 5th, 1910: Joseph S. Phelps, Montpelier, Idaho; James W. Randall, North Ogden, Utah; George Briggs, Archer, Idaho; Wilford E. Jordan, Moreland, Idaho; Hugh B. Graham, Garnett W. Carlisle, James Moyle Gray, Salt Lake City; Vernon J. Danielson, Independence, Mo.; George T. Darley, Wellsville, Utah; Edgar B. Lindsay, Leonard Mackay, Samuel E. Bringhurst, Taylorsville, Utah; Samuel J. Holt, Bountiful, Utah; Hyrum B. Harris, Henefer, Utah; Ralph D. Smuin, Tjerk Opheikens, Siemen Bouwman, Ogden, Utah; Shores Loveless, Payson, Utah; William J. Swainston, Heber C. Swainston,

Parley Swainston, Whitney, Idaho; Joseph E. Blake, St. George, Utah; William Hudson, Granger, Utah; Charles Porter, Fairview, Wyoming; Clarence T. Ward, Almo, Idaho; John F. Rabe, Logan, Utah; Andrew M. Anderson, Brigham, Utah; Andrew Warren Munk, Benson, Utah; Anders Pehrsson, American Fork; Anders A. Carlson, Vinta, Wyoming.

Appointments.—The missionaries who arrived for the British mission, January 5th, 1910, have been appointed to labor in the following conferences: Samuel J. Holt, Heber C. Swainston, Leonard Mackay, Birmingham; James W. Randall, Vernon J. Danielson, Irish; William Hudson, Joseph E. Blake, Shores Loveless, Leeds; Hugh B. Graham, William J. Swainston, Scottish; Ralph D. Smuin, Bristol; George T. Darley, Garnett W. Carlisle, London; George Briggs, Charles Porter, Manchester; Joseph S. Phelps, Parley Swainston, Newcastle; Hyrum B. Harris, Grimsby; Wilford E. Jordan, Edgar B. Lindsay, Liverpool; Clarence T. Ward, Nottingham.

Baptisms.—A baptismal service was held at the Victoria Baths, Nottingham, (Nottingham conference), December 18th, 1909, when six new members were initiated into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the ordinance being performed by Elder Isaac Read. Confirmations took place at the water's edge.

A baptismal service was held at "Deseret," South Tottenham (London conference), December 31st, 1909, when four members were added to the Church. Elder Richard Hemsley, Jr., did the baptizing. They were all from the Gillingham district.

President J. B. Merrill says: "We began the new year by baptizing four new members into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the Victoria Baths, Nottingham, (Nottingham conference). Saturday, January 1st, 1910, Elder Francis W. Brown officiating. Confirmations took place immediately afterward."

A baptismal service was held in Ipswich (Norwich conference) on Saturday, January 1st, 1910. Principles of the gospel were spoken upon by Elder W. A. Newsome, after which two candidates were baptized, the ordinance being performed in the river Gipping by Elder Andrew C. McCombs. Confirmations took place on the following Sunday.

Successful Socials.—A very enjoyable and successful Christmas entertainment was held in the Latter-day Saints' meeting hall, Belfast (Irish conference), on the night of December 23rd, 1909. The hall was tastefully decorated with the customary Christmas decorations. In one end of the room was a beautiful tree filled with brilliant lights and attractive presents. Every child in the branch received a useful present, besides a large Christmas stocking filled with the many good things always looked for from Santa Claus. As Elders Eugene Pickett and W. W. Dummer were

leaving for their homes in Utah, after filling a two year's mission in Ireland, a suitable program was rendered during the evening in honor of their departure. The elders of the conference presented them each with an Irish steamer rug as a token of respect.

A farewell social was held on December 25th, 1909, at the home of Brother R. J. Walker, Cardiff, South Wales, in behalf of Elder A. H. Parkinson, who has been laboring as president of the Welsh district for over three months, but has received his transfer to the Liverpool conference. A few of the saints were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent singing songs of Zion, and receiving counsel from the Elders. Refreshments were served, after which Elder Parkinson was made the recipient of a small token of goodwill from the saints of the branch.

On December 31st, 1909, a very successful social was held in Thrift Hall, Grimsby (Grimsby conference). About one hundred and forty saints and friends came together to enjoy themselves. A nice program was rendered, after which refreshments were served, then all united in social games, etc. Just before twelve midnight all present joined hands and united in singing the old year out and the new year in. The committee deserve highest praise for the able work done in arranging decorations and program, also for conducting the party so well.

A social was held in the New Mechanic's Institute, Pudsey (Leeds conference), on Monday, December 27th, 1909. Much credit is due Mr. Simeon Stead and Misses Sutcliffe, who gave the greater part of a fine program, which was of high-class musical and literary order. About sixty-five saints and friends were present and all enjoyed themselves. The proceeds, twelve shillings, were turned over to the Relief Society to help to provide suitable presents for the worthy poor of the branch, that they might have cause to rejoice at the holiday season.

The time-honored custom of holding Watch Service on New Year's Eve was observed in the Liverpool branch of the Liverpool conference. Meeting was called to order in the Durham House hall by President H. M. O'Gorman at 10:30 p.m., and the service was carried into the New Year. A number of elders on their way to Zion were heard from, and then testimonies were borne, and songs and recitations given, making a very enjoyable time.

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